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FELON IN POSSESSION OF A FIREARM SENTENCED TO 41 MONTHS IN PRISON

TUCSON – Dwayne Vincent Elam, 33, of Tucson, was sentenced here today to 41 months in federal prison by U.S. District Judge David C. Bury. Elam had pleaded guilty on August 23, 2006 to the charge of Felon in Possession of a Firearm.

On May 9, 2006, Tucson Police Officers found Elam passed out behind the wheel of a vehicle that had apparently struck a telephone pole. Defendant was unable to explain to police how he got to that location, and it was determined that his driver's license was suspended. During a search of the vehicle, officers found a backpack that contained drug paraphernalia and a .44 caliber revolver. Elam admitted to being a user of methamphetamine, and admitted having used methamphetamine just hours before. Elam further admitted that he was a convicted felon and was not supposed to have a gun. Records indicate that Elam has 3 prior felony convictions, including a prior felon in possession of a firearm conviction as well as convictions for possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine and recklessly attempting to cause physical injury to a child under 18.

The investigation in this case was jointly conducted by the Tucson Police Department and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution was handled by Jennifer J. Maldonado, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson.

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